

By: White of Tyler

H.B. No. 697

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the waiver of fines, fees, and court costs imposed on a
3 student convicted of truancy.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Article 45.054(j), Code of Criminal Procedure,
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 (j) Notwithstanding any other law, a [A] county, justice, or
8 municipal court shall [~~may~~] waive or reduce a fine, fee, or court
9 cost imposed under this article if the court finds that payment of
10 the fine, fee, or court cost would cause financial hardship.

11 SECTION 2. Article 45.054(j), Code of Criminal Procedure,
12 as amended by this Act, applies to a proceeding for failure to
13 attend school that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act
14 regardless of whether the offense that is the subject of the
15 proceeding was committed before, on, or after the effective date of
16 this Act.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.